Government's aforesaid instructions. The matter was reviewed and these instructions were withdrawn through a letter dated 27.7.2004.

For contributions to the Bharat Shiksha Kosh, exemption under the Income Tax Act is not available at present. The contributions to the Kosh are to be utilized as per the wishes of the donor to the extent possible, primarily for supplementing the Government projects/programmes in the education sector.

Scheme of Integrated Education

2677. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of assistance given by Government to Uttar Pradesh during 2004-05 under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Integrated Education;

(b) the amount of assistance proposed for the same purpose during 2005-06;

(c) the number of new schools opened by the State Government during 2004-05, the expenditure incurred thereon and other activities on which the balance amount of assistance was spent by the State Government; and

(d) the unspent amount of assistance under the scheme during the year and whether the same would be adjusted during the following year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) No financial assistance was given to the Government of U.P. during 2004-05. But an amount of Rs.50,38,358/- has been released to the NGOs in the State of U.P.

(b) This Department will consider release of grant to the Government of U.P. or NGOs working in U.P. on receipt of proposals for the year 2005-06.

(c) The Scheme of Integrated Education for Disabled Children provides educational opportunities for disabled children in the already existing normal/regular schools to facilitate their integration and ultimate retention in the general school system. The scheme does not provide for opening of school for integration of disabled children.

(d) The unspent balance of Rs.29.16 lakh as of 1990-91 is still lying with the State Government of Uttar Pradesh which will be adjusted as and when new grants are released to the State Government of U.P. on receipt of their proposal.

Bharat Shiksha Kosh

2678. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have started Bharat Shiksha Kosh to receive donations for education;

(b) whether it is a fact that some of the IIT alumni conveyed their apprehensions about getting their money routed through Bharat Shiksha Kosh and decided to stop donating money to their alma mateser;

(c) whether it is also a fact that some of the non-official members of the Board of the Kosh have also expressed similar apprehension and requested for renew of the entire procedure of routing money through BSK; and

(d) if so, the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (d) In order to facilitate donations including smaller amounts from India and abroad for implementing projects/programmes connected with the education sector, "Bharat Shiksha Kosh" has been constituted by Government as a registered Society.

After issuance of the Government's instructions dated 21.2.2003 to all the institutions/autonomous bodies/public sector undertakings under the Department of Secondary and Higher Education and the Department of Elementary Education and Literacy requiring them to get the donations/ grants routed through the Bharat Shiksha Kosh, some reports had appeared in the press conveying the apprehensions of some IIT alumni regarding getting their money routed through a Government agency, on account of its perceived low credibility.

Some non-official Members of the Board of Governors of the Kosh had also highlighted similar apprehensions and requested for a review of the